

1 AN ACT concerning children.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act is  
5 amended by changing Sections 7 and 7.3 as follows:

6 (325 ILCS 5/7) (from Ch. 23, par. 2057)

7 Sec. 7. Time and manner of making reports. All reports of  
8 suspected child abuse or neglect made under this Act shall be  
9 made immediately by telephone to the central register  
10 established under Section 7.7 on the single, State-wide,  
11 toll-free telephone number established in Section 7.6, or in  
12 person or by telephone through the nearest Department office.  
13 The Department shall, in cooperation with school officials,  
14 distribute appropriate materials in school buildings listing  
15 the toll-free telephone number established in Section 7.6,  
16 including methods of making a report under this Act. The  
17 Department may, in cooperation with appropriate members of the  
18 clergy, distribute appropriate materials in churches,  
19 synagogues, temples, mosques, or other religious buildings  
20 listing the toll-free telephone number established in Section  
21 7.6, including methods of making a report under this Act.

22 Wherever the Statewide number is posted, there shall also  
23 be posted the following notice:

1 "Any person who knowingly transmits a false report to the  
2 Department commits the offense of disorderly conduct under  
3 subsection (a) (7) of Section 26-1 of the Criminal Code of 1961.  
4 A first violation of this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor,  
5 punishable by a term of imprisonment for up to one year, or by  
6 a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or by both such term and fine. A  
7 second or subsequent violation is a Class 4 felony."

8 The report required by this Act shall include, if known,  
9 the name and address of the child and his parents or other  
10 persons having his custody; the child's age; the nature of the  
11 child's condition including any evidence of previous injuries  
12 or disabilities; and any other information that the person  
13 filing the report believes might be helpful in establishing the  
14 cause of such abuse or neglect and the identity of the person  
15 believed to have caused such abuse or neglect. Reports made to  
16 the central register through the State-wide, toll-free  
17 telephone number shall be immediately transmitted by the  
18 Department to the appropriate Child Protective Service Unit.  
19 All such reports alleging the death of a child, serious injury  
20 to a child including, but not limited to, brain damage, skull  
21 fractures, subdural hematomas, and internal injuries, torture  
22 of a child, malnutrition of a child, and sexual abuse to a  
23 child, including, but not limited to, sexual intercourse,  
24 sexual exploitation, sexual molestation, and sexually  
25 transmitted disease in a child age 12 and under, shall also be  
26 immediately transmitted by the Department to the appropriate

1 local law enforcement agency. The Department shall within 24  
2 hours orally notify local law enforcement personnel and the  
3 office of the State's Attorney of the involved county of the  
4 receipt of any report alleging the death of a child, serious  
5 injury to a child including, but not limited to, brain damage,  
6 skull fractures, subdural hematomas, and, internal injuries,  
7 torture of a child, malnutrition of a child, and sexual abuse  
8 to a child, including, but not limited to, sexual intercourse,  
9 sexual exploitation, sexual molestation, and sexually  
10 transmitted disease in a child age twelve and under. All oral  
11 reports made by the Department to local law enforcement  
12 personnel and the office of the State's Attorney of the  
13 involved county shall be confirmed in writing within 24 ~~48~~  
14 hours of the oral report. All reports by persons mandated to  
15 report under this Act shall be confirmed in writing to the  
16 appropriate Child Protective Service Unit, which may be on  
17 forms supplied by the Department, within 48 hours of any  
18 initial report.

19 Written confirmation reports from persons not required to  
20 report by this Act may be made to the appropriate Child  
21 Protective Service Unit. Written reports from persons required  
22 by this Act to report shall be admissible in evidence in any  
23 judicial proceeding relating to child abuse or neglect. Reports  
24 involving known or suspected child abuse or neglect in public  
25 or private residential agencies or institutions shall be made  
26 and received in the same manner as all other reports made under

1 this Act.

2 (Source: P.A. 92-801, eff. 8-16-02.)

3 (325 ILCS 5/7.3) (from Ch. 23, par. 2057.3)

4 Sec. 7.3. (a) The Department shall be the sole agency  
5 responsible for receiving and investigating reports of child  
6 abuse or neglect made under this Act, except where  
7 investigations by other agencies may be required with respect  
8 to reports alleging the death of a child, serious injury to a  
9 child or sexual abuse to a child made pursuant to Sections 4.1  
10 or 7 of this Act, and except that the Department may delegate  
11 the performance of the investigation to the Department of State  
12 Police, a law enforcement agency and to those private social  
13 service agencies which have been designated for this purpose by  
14 the Department prior to July 1, 1980.

15 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the  
16 Department shall adopt rules expressly allowing law  
17 enforcement personnel to investigate reports of suspected  
18 child abuse or neglect concurrently with the Department,  
19 without regard to whether the Department determines a report to  
20 be "indicated" or "unfounded" or deems a report to be  
21 "undetermined".

22 (Source: P.A. 85-1440.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
24 becoming law.